

CLAIMS

1. A solid composition comprising oil core aphrons dispersed in a solid surfactant.

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2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant comprises at least one soap.

3. A composition according to claim 2 wherein the soap is 10 a vegetable based soap or an alkali metal salt of a fatty acid containing 12 to 18 carbon atoms in the fatty chain.

4. A composition according to claim 3 wherein the soap is sodium stearate.

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5. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the surfactant comprises at least one synthetic surfactant.

20 6. A composition according to claim 5 wherein the synthetic surfactant is sodium cocoate, sodium tallowate, sodium palm kernelate, sodium palmitate, triethanolamine stearate, sodium cocoyl isethionate, sodium isethionate, sodium dodecyl benzene sulfonate, sodium cocoglyceryl ether 25 sulfonate or a mixture thereof.

7. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which comprises 0.1 to 20 wt% of the oil core aphrons.

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8. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which also comprises water and/or an alcohol.

9. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which also comprises a glycol.

5 10. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the oil core comprises an oil, ester or other water insoluble liquid or a mixture thereof which confers an emollient, moisturising, cleansing, conditioning or other cosmetic, personal care or pharmaceutical benefit to the
10 skin, hair or a fabric.

11. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the oil core comprises a fragrance, a colourant, a natural or synthetic therapeutic agent, a skin
15 conditioner, an anti-bacterial or anti-fungal agent, a pest control agent or a physiologically active, oil-soluble component.

12. A composition according to any one of the preceding
20 claims which further comprises at least one of a further surfactant, a fragrance, a colourant, a natural or synthetic therapeutic agent, a skin conditioner, a moisturiser, an anti-bacterial or anti-fungal agent, an opacifier, an oil or fat, a sugar, a pH adjuster, a pigment, a foam builder or a
25 pest control agent.

13. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which is in the form of a stick, tablet, bar or granules.

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14. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which is a cosmetic, toiletry, household or pharmaceutical product.

5 15. A composition according to any one of the preceding claims which is a soap or a syndet bar, a combar, a deodorant, an antiperspirant stick or a stain remover.